



# AMSA Bat Policy

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## Policy

As of the 2016 Season AMSA will not be providing new bats for any teams. We will continue to provide bats we have in inventory for the use of our teams in the following order of priority:

1. LTP/Trimite
2. Local Leagues
3. Travel Teams

## Reasons for this policy

- As the number of teams in AMSA increased so did the required number of bats.
- Equipment budget is prioritized on safety and mandatory game related items including catcher equipment, first aid equipment and balls. As a result of keeping our membership costs low the budget does not allow enough for the purchase of bats as well.
- Players have preferences on length and weight of bats. Association bats can only be provided in a couple lengths/weights.
- Players often would not use the association bats choosing instead to use their own

## Bat Management

Teams are responsible for monitoring the condition of their association bats. When a bat becomes damaged (cracks, rattles, dents or missing tape) it must be removed from play. It should be brought to the AMSA Equipment Manager who will inspect it. If the bat is found to still be safe to use but no longer legal for games it will be marked "PRACTICE ONLY" and returned to the team or exchanged for another from inventory.

## Selecting a Bat

For help on selecting a bat for your player refer to the [Equipment Buying Guide](#) on the AMSA website under the Parents tab. Player Development personnel can also help with recommendations.